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MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH'S
REPORT

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER, 1954*



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(CHESHIRE)



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the year ended 31st December, 1954.

The Public Health Officers of the District are:

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
T. W. BRINDLE, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

SANITARY INSPECTORS
ROBERT WM. MUSK, M.S.I.A.
CHARLES BURNS, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Members of the Public Health and Water Committee:

(As at 31st December, 1954)

H. V. STONE, J.P., Chairman of the Council (ex Officio)

COUNCILLORS

W. E. ALLEN	G. KERSHAW
J. BEGLEY (Chairman)	W. LIDGETT
W. B. BLACKWELL	V. M. NIXON
R. CRAIG	J. ROBERTS
C. DEWHURST	H. RUSSELL (Vice Chairman)
MRS. S. HOGG	E. E. TAYLOR

Public Health Department,
Council Office,
George Lane,
Bredbury.

14th September, 1955

*To the Chairman and Members of the Bredbury and Romiley
Urban District Council.*

ANNUAL REPORT, 1954

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my report on the health of the Urban District of Bredbury and Romiley for the year ended December 31st, 1954.

There were 236 live births registered during the year, an extremely low figure compared with previous years. There were 187 deaths, which is an increase of 1 over the previous year. Infant deaths totalled 5 and the infantile mortality rate of 21·19 per 1,000 live births can be considered satisfactory. It is pleasing to be able to report that there was again no death due to childbirth.

There was a marked increase in the number of cases of scarlet fever notified, but as is usual these days, most of them were very mild. Notifications of measles were very low and there was a slight reduction in the number of whooping-cough notifications. We were fortunate in having no case of infantile paralysis in the district and again there was no case of diphtheria. Strenuous efforts were made to encourage parents to have their children immunised against diphtheria and on the whole their response was fairly satisfactory. Combined protection against diphtheria and whooping-cough is now available and is commonly used for the younger children. Six new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified; there were no new cases of the non-pulmonary form. Deaths from tuberculosis totalled three—(one pulmonary and two non-pulmonary).

At the beginning of the year, as a result of an Order made under the Food and Drugs (Milk, Dairies and Artificial Cream) Act, 1950, it became illegal to sell milk in the district by retail for human consumption unless either Tuberculin Tested or Heat Treated except that until September 30th it was also permissible to sell Accredited milk. This Order makes a notable contribution to the fight against milk-borne tuberculosis.

With the end of meat rationing in July it became permissible again for individual butchers to slaughter their own meat. Applications to licence six slaughter-houses were approved after the completion of the work necessary to bring the premises up to the required standard. In 1939 there were nine licensed slaughter-houses in the area. Meat slaughtered within the Urban District is inspected by the Council's Meat Inspector.

The Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, came into operation on August 30th. This Act makes further provisions for the clearance of houses unfit for human habitation and for encouraging the reconditioning and maintenance of houses. The Council's proposals for dealing with all unfit houses within a five year period have already been sent to the Minister.

Sections C, D and E, which deal with the duties normally undertaken by the Sanitary Inspectors have been prepared by the Senior Sanitary Inspector, to whom I am indebted for his help.

In conclusion, I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council and the Officers of the Council for their valuable help so readily given to me at all times during the year.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

T. W. BRINDLE,

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA 1954.

Area in Acres:—

Bredbury South Ward ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,426
Bredbury North Ward ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	907
Romiley Ward	1,290
Compstall Ward	672

Total Acreage of Urban District ...	4,295
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Estimated population at mid-year 1954 ...	17,990
Rateable value, December, 1954 ...	£116,005
Estimated Product of a Penny Rate... ..	£465
New houses entered in rate book during 1954	292

(a) Births 1943-1954

Year	Population (estimated) to Mid-year	LIVE BIRTHS			STILL BIRTHS				Rate per 1,000 Live and Still births
		Total	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Rate per 1000 pop	Total	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Rate per 1000 pop
1943	15,790	284	275	9	18·0	7	7	—	24·05
1944	15,910	307	298	9	19·0	11	11	—	34·59
1945	15,960	309	295	14	19·31	6	6	—	19·04
1946	16,780	307	290	17	18·30	13	13	—	40·62
1947	17,110	352	338	14	20·57	7	7	—	19·50
1948	17,420	265	260	5	15·21	8	7	—	28·30
1949	17,570	299	290	9	17·25	7	7	1	13·20
1950	17,800	244	239	5	13·7	6	5	1	24·0
1951	17,800	255	249	6	14·32	2	2	—	7·78
1952	17,630	228	220	8	12·93	7	7	—	29·78
1953	17,590	258	251	7	14·67	4	4	—	15·27
1954	17,990	236	231	5	13·12	4	4	—	16·66

ENGLAND AND WALES :—

LIVE BIRTH RATE
Per 1,000 population :
1953 ... 15·3
1954 ... 15·2

STILL BIRTH RATE
Per 1,000 Live and Still Births :
1953 ... 22·6
1954 ... 24·0

(b) Deaths 1943-1954

Year	Population (estimated) Mid-year	Total Deaths at all ages, all causes	Death Rate per 1,000 population	Total Infant Deaths	Infant Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Total Maternal Deaths
1943	15,790	213	13·5	20	70·40	—
1944	15,910	180	11·25	21	71·70	—
1945	15,960	192	12·03	11	57·61	—
1946	16,780	184	10·97	6	19·54	1
1947	17,110	208	12·16	13	20·98	—
1948	17,420	165	9·47	3	26·92	—
1949	17,570	207	11·21	7	23·10	—
1950	17,800	193	10·80	8	32·80	—
1951	17,800	249	13·98	6	23·52	—
1952	17,630	204	11·57	6	26·32	—
1953	17,590	186	10·57	5	19·38	—
1954	17,990	187	10·39	5	21·19	—

ENGLAND AND WALES:—

Death Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	1953 ... 11·4
" " " " "	...	...	...	1954 ... 11·3
Infant Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births	...	...	...	1953 ... 26·8
" " " " " "	...	...	...	1954 ... 25·5

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS.

No.	Cause of Death	1952		1953		1954	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	—	1	—	1	—
2.	Tuberculosis, other	2	—	—	—	—	2
3.	Syphilitic Diseases	1	—	1	—	—	—
4.	Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—
6.	Meningococcal Infections	—	—	—	—	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
8.	Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—
9.	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	1
10.	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	4	3	—	1	3
11.	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	2	1	7	—	3	—
12.	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	6	—	3	—	3
13.	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	3	—	3	—	2
14.	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	6	7	15	11	7	9
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	—	—	1	1	1
16.	Diabetes	1	2	1	1	1	2
17.	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	26	18	11	13	10	15
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina	12	10	17	6	18	9
19.	Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	4	2	4	4	2
20.	Other Heart Disease	17	11	17	17	18	13
21.	Other Circulatory Disease	3	11	10	1	2	4
22.	Influenza	2	—	1	2	—	2
23.	Pneumonia	3	4	—	1	4	—
24.	Bronchitis	5	3	3	4	13	8
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	1	1	1	1	—
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	4	—	2	1	3	—
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	—	1	—	1	—	1
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	—	—	2	—	2
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	2	—	2	—	2	—
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	—	—	—	—	—	—
31.	Congenital Malformations	1	—	—	1	—	—
32.	Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	8	10	9	6	8	7
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	—	—	—	2	—
34.	All Other Accidents	2	—	1	2	2	—
35.	Suicide	—	—	1	—	—	—
36.	Homicide and Operations of War	—	—	—	—	—	—
. All Causes		108	96	105	81	101	86

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities. Examinations of Food, Milk, Water, Ice Cream and materials from patients, are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory, Monsall Hospital, Manchester (since 5th July, 1945). In addition bacteriological examinations are carried out when necessary at the Pathological Laboratory, Stepping Hill.

The following services are provided by the Local Health Authority and administered by the North East Cheshire Divisional Health Committee.

Ambulance Facilities. A 24 hour Ambulance Service is available, being provided by the Hyde Divisional Health Committee. In addition a sitting case car is provided.

Nursing in the Home. There are three District Nurses in the Area who undertake general nursing and maternity work and one who practices midwifery only.

Home Help Service. Home Helps have assisted during the year in the following cases in the Bredbury and Romiley Urban District.

Miscellaneous Sickness	13
Confinement	9
Tuberculosis	—
Chronic Sick including aged and infirm...	43
Total...	65

Infant Welfare Centres. Sessions are held weekly at the Bredbury Centre, Lower Bents Lane; and at the Romiley Centre, Leyfield Avenue. Attendances during the year were as follows:—

Centre	New Cases		Total Attendances		
	0—1 year	1—5 years	0—1 year	1—2 years	2-5 years
Bredbury	142	—	1905	510	420
Romiley	61	—	976	218	234

Ante-Natal Clinics. A Clinic session is held at the Bredbury Centre each week and attendances during the year are given below.

New Cases.....	159
Total Attendances	488

School Clinic. Held weekly at the Bredbury and Romiley Centres. The school dentist attends at the Dental Centre at the Bredbury Clinic.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation. Special Clinics are held for this purpose once a month at the Bredbury and Romiley Centres. In addition immunisation is carried out free of charge by general medical practitioners.

Services Provided by the Regional Hospital Board

Hospitals. There is no hospital within the Urban District, and patients from this area are admitted to hospitals in neighbouring districts. Maternity cases requiring hospital accommodation are also admitted to hospitals outside the area. Where necessary, infectious disease cases other than smallpox are admitted to the Stockport Isolation Hospital. Facilities for smallpox cases are provided at Ellswick Leys Smallpox Hospital, Lancashire, and at Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, near Bury.

Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases. Special Clinics for the diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases are held at Great Egerton Street, Stockport.

LIST OF ADOPTIVE ACTS AND BYE-LAWS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT.

Bye-laws

1.	Common Lodging Houses (None Existing)	Confirmed 11th October, 1886
2.	Slaughter Houses	„ 11th May, 1916
3.	Nuisances	„ 11th October, 1886
4.	New Streets	„ 19th August, 1926
5.	Recreation Grounds	„ 5th January, 1932
6.	Houses let in Lodgings	„ 24th January, 1934
7.	Allotment Rules	„ 17th July, 1922
8.	Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933	„ 4th December, 1933
9.	Food and Drugs Act, 1938 (Section 15)	„ 1st September, 1950
10.	Buildings Public Health Act, 1936	„ 18th June, 1953
11.	Local Government Act, 1933 (Section 249)	„ 14th August, 1954

For the Good Rule and Government of the Administrative County of Chester, made by Cheshire County Council with respect to the fouling of footpaths by dogs.

Acts

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890. Adopted 25th November, 1896. Came into operation 1st January, 1897.

Local Government Act, 1894. Order made by L.G.B. on 17th October, 1898, conferring on the Council the power of appointing future Assistant Overseers; powers, duties and liabilities of the Vestry in each parish; powers etc., of Overseers; certain powers of a Parish Council not already vested in the Council, viz. :—Acquisition by agreement of rights of way, and powers of directing in what custody the books, writings, papers and documents of each Parish shall be deposited.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899.
Adopted 31st January, 1900. Advances made.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907. L.G.B. issued orders on 27th September, 1909, declaring Parts II, III and V, Sections 52 to 66 inclusive, and Section 68 of Part IV and Sections 93 and 95 of Part X, to be in force in the district on and after 15th November, 1909.

Public Health Act, 1925. Minister of Health consented to the adoption by the Council of Section 21 (prevention of water flowing on the footpath) Section 22 (preventing soil, etc., from being washed into streets).

Provisional Orders.

- (1) For extending Bredbury, etc., 19th July, 1880. 13th September, 1902, Brinnington added to Bredbury.
- (2) (a) Land at Lower Bredbury for Sewage Disposal, 3rd July, 1894.
(b) Land at Lower Bredbury for Pumping Station, 15th July, 1897.
- (3) The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1900. (Bredbury and Romiley U.D.C. Tramways Order, 1900).

County of Chester Review Order, 1936. Part U.D. of Compstall added to Bredbury and Romiley.

Housing Act, 1949. The Council make Advances, Guarantees and Improvement Grants under the provisions of this Act.

Cheshire County Council Act, 1953. The Act confers further powers on the Cheshire County Council and Local Authorities in the Administrative County of Chester, in relation to Lands and Highways and the Local Government Improvement, Health and Finances of the County ; to enact provisions with respect to Hairdressers' and Barbers' premises and Public Entertainment ; to make further provision for the Superannuation of Employees ; and for other purposes.

The main provisions of the Act came into force on 31st July, 1953. The Council, by Resolution, adopted Sections 70, 87, 115, 116, 132, 144, 145, 147(2), 148 and the powers contained in Sections 98 and 126(6) to come into operation on 1st December, 1954.

MORTUARIES.

There is a modern and well equipped mortuary situated at the Highfield Cemetery.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY.

The Council is the Water Authority.

A bulk supply is obtained from the Stockport Corporation Water Department, from the Goyt, Kinder, Lyme Park and Longdendale sources.

There are no supplies by means of stand pipes. All supplies are direct to houses.

The water supply of the area and of its several parts has been mostly satisfactory : (a) in quality ; (b) in quantity.

The supply from Longdendale enters the district from Haughton Green and serves only a small part of the area, mainly Mill Lane and Woodlands Housing Estates.

Further complaints about the discoloration of this supply were received during the year and a full investigation was made. Samples submitted for bacteriological examination were reported as satisfactory, but the report on the chemical examination indicated that although the water could be considered safe for all domestic purposes there was an uptake of elements from vegetable sources and a high proportion of solid matter. Requests have been made to the appropriate authority for the installation of additional treatment plant. Attention has been previously drawn to the fact that this water shows plumbo-solvency to an undesirable degree.

Houses without Public Water Supply.

Bredbury District (Wells and Springs, etc.)	...	26
Romiley " " "	...	9
Compstall ... ... ... ... ...	...	58

Meteorological Information.

Total rainfall for year	... ... ... ...	38'46 inches.
Maximum rainfall in 24 hours on 20th January...		1'81 inches.
The rainfall for 1952 was 36'72 and 25'90 for 1953.		

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Refuse Collection. During 1954 the outdoor staff consisted of :—

3 Driver-Loaders	1 Tip Man
10 Loaders	1 Salvage Baler (Hand Press)

A seven day collection is aimed at, but owing to shortage of labour due to sickness, the routine was unavoidably upset. In small authorities it is impossible to employ sufficient men to maintain a reserve upon which to call in the event of an emergency. Sickness, absenteeism and holidays have a damaging effect upon a regular collection, which is difficult to overcome as casual labour is now practically unavailable.

Refuse Disposal. Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on the Ashton Road site, Bredbury. The tip is treated regularly with good results, D.D.T. powder being used for crickets and beetles. The tip was also sprayed for insects with an Insect Exterminator. Regular disinfection by the Rodent Operative has kept rats down to a minimum.

Salvage. Weight of salvage collected during 1954 was :—

	Tons	cwts	qrs.		£	s.	d.
Waste Paper	185	0	0	.....	1,203	18	0
Rags, Carpets and Sacking, etc.	7	3	0	.....	141	18	0
Scrap Metal.....	6	10	0	.....	21	11	6
Totals for 1954	198	13	0	.....	£1,367	7	6

Details of materials salvaged during last five years

	1950		1951		1952		1953		1954	
	tons	price £	tons	price £	tons	price £	tons	price £	tons	price £
Paper	122	744	93½	1321	129	950	154½	858	185	1203
Rags, Carpets, etc. ...	9½	105	9½	145	6½	155	7½	150	7	142
Scrap Metal.....	8½	16	4	16	9	40	7	32	6½	22
Totals	139¾	865	106¾	1482	144½	1145	169	1040	198½	1367

Petroleum (Regulations) Act, 1928 and 1936.

Duties in connection with the storage of petroleum are carried out by the Health Department under the above Acts.

Number of licences issued to store petrol during 1954	...	33
Total quantity of petrol covered by licences	...	37,480 gals.
Total amount of fees paid	...	£22 15s. 0d.

Litter. Posters "Keep Britain Tidy" were exhibited on the Refuse vehicles and smaller notices affixed to all waste paper baskets during the summer months.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION

	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Loads	1959	2253	2478	2856	3005	2610	2887	2840	2905	2835
Ashpits	957	901	937	996	949	907	1065	992	559	392
Ashbins	106777	113175	124774	171265	152826	151036	154234	161532	166845	160489
Pails	9486	9916	10128	100761	102566	10004	9967	11244	11599	11328
Cesspools	20	21	20	20	19	19	19	21	17	19

SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public or privately owned swimming baths or pools in the district of Bredbury and Romiley. The people from the area use the public baths in the neighbouring areas of Marple, Hyde and Stockport.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

1953				1954
5938	...	Flush Water Closets	...	6230
225	...	Waste Water Closets	...	222
220	...	Pail Closets	...	220
19	...	Wet Privies	...	19
16	...	Dry Ashpits	...	16
5990	...	Sanitary Ashbins	...	6283
15	...	Septic Tanks	...	23

PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT.

The sanitary accommodation of thirteen Public Halls, Cinemas, etc., were inspected, all complied with the regulations, and certificates were granted by the Council.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

The Council are members of the National Smoke Abatement Society and the Manchester and District Regional Smoke Abatement Committee. The latter Committee comprises Local Authorities within a radius of 15 miles from Manchester.

During the year 20 observations were made of factory chimneys in the district. Where excessive smoke emission was found, the factory was visited by an officer of the Council for the purpose of warning and giving instruction with a view to abating the nuisance.

Whilst it is appreciated that in some instances the supply of unsuitable fuel may increase the difficulties of preventing smoke emission from factory chimneys, there is no doubt that atmospheric pollution from this source could be very greatly reduced. Every effort will be made to eradicate this dangerous nuisance, if possible as a result of co-operation with factory managements thus avoiding the necessity for legal action.

RODENT CONTROL.

The Council employs one Rodent Operative. All types of properties have been inspected during the year and treatments carried out where infestations were discovered.

The Council's refuse tip at Ashton Road and the sewage works were treated periodically. There were two sewer treatments and a 10% test during the year.

Summary of Work Done in 1954.

No. of Inspections carried out	...	Local Authority	...	Private	...	Business	...	TOTAL
		54		188		97		339
		Rats	Mice	Rats	Mice	Rats	Mice	
No. of Treatments	...	16	—	39	24	18	6	103
No. of bodies found	...	108	—	9	21	17	31	186

Warfarin has been used in all treatments other than sewers.

Permanent bathing points are maintained at some premises.

Sewer Treatments.

Date	Number of Manholes	Number Infested
14-1-54	66 (10% Test)	5
1-2-54	96	15
5-7-54	120	11

Agricultural Properties

29 farms were inspected

SECTION D

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

(1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health Act and Housing Act)	264
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	558
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses included in (1)(a) which were inspected and recorded under Section 5, Housing Act, 1936...	110
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	190
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in such a state as to be unfit for human habitation	14
(4) Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	76

Remedy of Defects without service of Formal Notice.

Number of houses rendered fit	60
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2. Action under Statutory Power.

(1) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16, Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	—
(b) Number of houses rendered fit after service of Formal Notice (including notices served prior to 1954).	—
(2) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13, Housing Act, 1936.	
(a) Number of houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	7
(b) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	5
(c) Number of dwelling houses closed. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953, Section 10	1
(3) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied... ..	49
(b) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notice (including notices served prior to 1954)	16

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

Pre-war Houses (owned by Council)	613
House Subsidised 1923 Act, Private Enterprise	280
Advances made in respect of houses	10
Houses and flats built since 1945 (by Council)	729
Houses erected—Private Enterprise (since 1945)	125

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

(1) Meat Inspection.

Previous to July, when meat was freed from control, carcasses and organs of animals slaughtered for human consumption were inspected at the Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse, Gordon Street, Stockport. Inspection duty was undertaken in rotation by Inspectors from Authorities within the orbit of the meat distribution zone and as far as this district was concerned meat inspection duty was carried out at intervals of one week in four.

Statistical Details of the work undertaken during the year are as follows :

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
No. Inspected	415 ...	487 ...	214 ...	4687 ...	284

No. Condemned.

All Diseases except Tuberculosis

Whole Carcases Condemned	— ...	— ...	4 ...	1 ...	—
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Carcases of which some part or organ was Con- demned	47 ...	62 ...	— ...	55 ...	1
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Percentage affected with disease other than T.B.	11·32% ...	12·73% ...	1·87% ...	1·19% ...	0·35%
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Tuberculosis only.

Whole Carcases Condemned	— ...	9 ...	— ...	— ...	1
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Carcases of which some part or organ was Con- demned	24 ...	144 ...	— ...	— ...	2
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Percentage affected with Tuberculosis	5·78% ...	31·42% ...	— ...	— ...	1·06%
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(2) Food Inspection.

During routine visits to Food Premises, quantities of meat and other foods were examined and found to be fit for human consumption.

The following foodstuffs were, however, condemned as being unfit for human food and accordingly voluntarily surrendered to the Inspector concerned :

Tinned Apricots	...	...	...	22½ lb.
„ Beans	...	...	...	1 „
„ Beef and Gravy	...	...	...	9 „
„ Beef Steak Pudding	...	...	...	11 „
„ Corned Beef	...	...	...	29½ „
„ Cream	...	...	...	4 ozs.
„ Damsons	...	...	...	1 lb.
„ Fruit Salad	...	...	...	1 „
„ Ham	...	...	...	74½ „
„ Milk	...	...	...	82 pints
„ Ox Tongue	...	...	...	84 lb.
„ Peaches	...	...	...	45 „
„ Pears	...	...	...	30 „
„ Peas	...	...	...	3 „
„ Pork	...	...	...	1 „
„ Pork Luncheon Meat	...	...	...	8 „
„ Salmon...	...	...	...	3½ „
„ Spaghetti	...	...	...	½ „
„ Tomatoes	...	...	...	48½ „
Bacon	...	...	...	24 „
Chicken	...	...	...	2½ „
Raw Meat	...	...	...	70 „
Prunes	...	...	...	30 „

Food Poisoning.

During the year, one notification of Food Poisoning was received.

TOTAL CASES	...	1
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The case was investigated and samples of faeces submitted for bacteriological examination.

Number of unidentified cases	...	...	...	...	1
Cases due to identified agents	...	...	...	...	Nil

Outbreaks

There were no outbreaks of food poisoning.

(3) Sampling for Adulterated Foods.

The Chief Inspector (Mr. Stacey Hallard) Weights and Measures Department, Cheshire County Council, reports on the number and types of samples obtained in the Urban District and submitted to the Public Analyst during the year ended 31st December, 1954, as follows :

Sample			No. obtained			Genuine			Adulterated	
Arrowroot	1	...	...	1	...	...	—
Cheese	1	...	...	1	...	...	—
Iced Lollies	3	...	...	3	...	...	—
Lard	1	...	...	1	...	...	—
Margarine	1	...	...	1	...	...	—
Milks	25	...	...	25	...	...	—
Sweets	1	...	...	1	...	...	—
				33				33	Nil	

(4) Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream.

There are forty-one premises registered for the sale or the storage of ice cream intended for sale, and one registered for the sale, or the manufacture for the purpose of sale, of ice cream within the district.

MILK SUPPLY.

With the inception of the Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Act, 1944, on the 1st October, 1949, responsibility for the supervision of the production of milk was transferred from Local Authorities to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The distribution of milk continues to be supervised by the Local Authority's Officers.

At 31st December, 1954, there were 2 Milk Distributors and 2 Dairies other than Dairy Farms on our Registers.

Samples of milk were procured at the dairies and "in course of delivery" for bacteriological examinations and biological testing.

The following table gives details of the 18 samples taken during the year :

Methylene Blue Test		Turbidity Test		Phosphatase Test		Biological Test	
Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Positive	Negative
7	—	3	—	8	—	—	7

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1949.

The following Licences under the above Regulations were granted during the year :

DEALERS

Pasteurised ...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Sterilised ...	...	...	...	...	...	25

SUPPLEMENTARY

Tuberculin Tested ...	...	...	...	...	4
Pasteurised ...	...	...	...	...	4
Sterilised ...	...	...	...	...	5

SECTION F.

PREVALANCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of Infectious Diseases notified during 1954.

Disease	No.
Scarlet Fever ...	45
Small Pox ...	—
Diphtheria ...	—
Enteric (including Paratyphoid Fever) ...	—
Erysipelas ...	6
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—
Pneumonia ...	6
Cerebro Spinal Fever ...	—
Acute Polio Encephalitis ...	—
Dysentery ...	—
Measles ...	25
Whooping Cough ...	21
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	—
Food Poisoning ...	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—
Meningitis ...	—
TOTAL ...	109

ANALYSIS OF AGE PERIODS (ALL DISEASES - 1954)

Diseases	Total No.	under 1 yr.	1-2 years	3-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-24 years	25 and over	age unknown
Scarlet Fever	45	—	3	12	24	4	—	1	1
Whooping Cough...	21	1	3	5	10	2	—	—	—
Measles	25	2	6	7	9	—	1	—	—
Ac. Poliomyelitis ...	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	91	3	12	24	43	6	1	1	1
	Total No.	under 5 years	5-14 years	15-44 years	45-64 years	65 and over	age unknown		
Pneumonia	6	—	1	2	—	2	1		
Food Poisoning.....	1	—	—	—	1	—	—		
Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Totals ...	7	—	1	2	1	2	1		

Vaccination

Age at 31-12-54						Number Vaccinated
under 5 ...	...	...	...	...	...	77
5-14 ...	...	...	...	...	...	4
15 and over...	...	...	...	...	...	11
						<hr/> 92

Re-Vaccination

Age at 31-12-54						Number Vaccinated
under 5 ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
5-14 ...	...	...	...	...	...	9
15 and over ...	...	...	...	...	...	26
						<hr/> 36

Diphtheria Immunisation

Age at 31-12-54						Number Immunised
under 5 ...	...	...	...	...	...	188
5-14 ...	...	...	...	...	...	66
15 and over ...	...	...	...	...	...	—
						<hr/> 254
Re-Immunised ...	...	...	...	...	...	262

Whooping Cough Immunisation

Age at 31-12-54						Number Immunised
under 5 ...	...	...	...	...	...	147
5-14 ...	...	...	...	...	...	7
15 and over ...	...	...	...	...	...	—
						<hr/> 154

TUBERCULOSIS

(a) Cases on Register.

	MALES				FEMALES				TOTAL
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		
Cases on Register 31st Dec., 1953	53	...	17	.....	45	...	31	...	146
Cases notified during 1954	3	...	—	.....	3	...	—	...	6
Cases added to Register other than by formal notification.....	5	...	—	.....	2	...	—	...	7
Totals ...	61	...	17	.....	50	...	31	...	159
Cases removed from Register during 1954	5	...	—	.....	4	...	2	...	11
Cases remaining on Register at 31st December, 1954	56	...	17	.....	46	...	29	...	148

(b) Particulars of persons removed from Register.

	MALES				FEMALES				TOTAL
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
Died	1	...	—	.....	1	...	1	...	3
Recovered	2	...	—	.....	—	...	1	...	3
Left District	2	...	—	.....	3	...	—	...	5
Re-notified as pulmonary	—	...	—	.....	—	...	—	...	—
TOTALS ...	5	...	—	.....	4	...	2	...	11

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1954

Age Period	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	MALES Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	FEMALES Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	MALES Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	FEMALES Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
0— 1 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 „	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 „	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15— 25 „	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
25—35 „	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
35—45 „	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55 „	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
55—65 „	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Over 65 yrs.	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
TOTALS...	3	—	3	—	—	—	1	1

**Total Number of Cases remaining on the Register at
31st December, 1954.**

		Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
Males	...	56	17
Females	...	46	29
Totals	...	102	46

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

Part I of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises 1.	Number on register 2.	Inspections 3.	Number of Written notices 4.	Occupiers prosecuted 5.
(i) Factories in which Sec- 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	28	56	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	76	153	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ...	—	—	—	—
Total ...	104	209	—	—

Cases in which Defects were found.

Particulars 1.	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which proceedings were instituted 6.
	Found 2.	Remedied 3.	to H.M. Insp. 4.	by H.M. Insp. 5.	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temp. (S3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate vent. (S4) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveni's (S7)					
(a) insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offen's against the Act (not including offen- ces relating to outwork)	1	—	—	—	—
Total	1	—	—	—	—

